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NEWS ABOUT STAMPS -- AND NON-STAMPS

ANNCR: AND NOW, COLLECTOR'S CORNER, THE VOICE OF AMERICA SERIES OF PROGRAMS FOR LISTENERS WHO COLLECT THINGS, WHETHER THEY BE STAMPS OR COINS, SNUFF BOTTLES OR OLD AUTOS, OR EVEN BALLS OF STRING. HERE'S THIS WEEK'S REPORT, PREPARED BY GEORGE MISHLER, WHO REPORTS REGULARLY ON VOA ABOUT NEW STAMP RELEASES. TODAY, HOWEVER, HE HAS SOME NOTES ON A "NON-STAMP". HERE IS _____WITH THAT STORY.

VOICE: ON AN EARLIER PROGRAM WE MADE REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE CENTENNIAL YEAR FOR THE STATE OF COLORADO. REPEATED REQUESTS TO THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FOR A STAMP TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY WERE TURNED DOWN. THE POSTAL SERVICE, IN ITS REJECTION, REMINDED STATE OFFICIALS THAT A STAMP HAD BEEN ISSUED IN 1951 ON THE OCCASION OF COLORADO'S SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY. THEN LATER IN THE YEAR THEY ANNOUNCED THAT A SOUVENIR CARD WOULD BE ISSUED THIS YEAR. BUT, THAT ISSUE DID NOT ASSUAGE THE BRUISED PRIDE OF COLORADANS.

IN MID-JUNE, PLANS WERE ANNOUNCED FOR THE ISSUE, LOCALLY, OF A NON-STAMP CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL. CEREMONIES FOR THE ISSUE WERE HELD ON JULY EIGHTH ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING IN DENVER.

DIGNITARIES INCLUDED ALEXIS MCKINNEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COLORADO CENTENNIAL-BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, AND STEVEN DATZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE COLORADO. THEY WERE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT,

VOICE: (CONT) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VETERANS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER HISTORICAL GROUPS.

AT THE NON-STAMP ISSUING CEREMONY EACH GUEST WAS PRESENTED WITH A SHEET OF NON-STAMPS AND A FIRST DAY COVER. THE NON-STAMPS WERE OFFERED FOR SALE AT 11:00 A.M. THAT DAY, ALONG WITH 1000 NON-COVERS. SPONSORS TELL US THAT THE COVERS WERE SOLD OUT BY 5:00 PM. AS ONE OFFICIAL PUT IT, "THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE UNDERSCORES THE POPULAR SENTIMENT THAT THE ONE ISSUE WHICH BINDS ALL CITIZENS OF COLORADO IN AGREEMENT IS THAT WE DESERVE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON OUR ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY WITH A COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP."

THE COMMITTEE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN COVERS MAY OBTAIN THEM BY WRITING TO THE COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE COLORADO, BOX 932, DENVER, COLORADO, U.S.A. 80201. THE COST IS 1.50 PLUS 35 CENTS FOR MAILING AND HANDLING. SHEETS OF THE NON-STAMP ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE SAME PRICE. REMITTANCE SHOULD BE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

ANNCR: YOU'VE BEEN LISTENING TO COLLECTOR'S CORNER, THE WEEKLY VOICE OF AMERICA PROGRAM FOR LISTENERS WHO COLLECT THINGS. THIS WEEK OUR SUBJECT WAS A NEW UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMP ...NEXT WEEK, IT MAY BE COINS OR GLASS OR TRUCKS OR TIEPINS, SO JOIN US AGAIN FOR ANOTHER COLLECTOR'S CORNER.

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